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SUBJECT.

Murarji Goculdas Essay Prize
(Mysore Sanskrit College)

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Bangalore
4th August 1900
Saturday

Rai Bahadur
A. Sreenivasachariar
Esqre
Mysore Secretary
Govt of Mysore.

Sir:-

Mr Dharmsey Muraryi
Gokuldas of Bombay who
was State Guest here
recently is desirous of
doing some small local
charity as a memento of
his visit to Mysore for
connection with the
auspicious occasion
which brought him
here. His idea
is

is to offer some
encouragement however
small, towards Sanskrit
Education and Social Problem-being
Philosophy. It is
proposed to give an
annual Prize value
Rs 100 (One Hundred Rupees)
to the best Essay on any
subject connected with
Sanskrit Language
Literature Social Problem-being
or Hindu
Philosophy under
some such title as
" The Muroji Goculdas
Essay Prize on Connected
with

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with the Sanskrit and Hindu
Philosophy" or any other
dereguisteen as you
might deem fit so as just
to associate with it the
name of his father
Murarji Gokuldas

I am accordingly
desired by Mr Dharmsey
to request the favor of
your kind & arranging
for the mention so as to
meet his wishes in this
respect. He is prepared
to deposit at once a
Sum of Rupees Two
Thousand or this

account if Yrs would
be pleased to secure for
him Investment therefor
under the head of "Char
Investments" in the
Mysore Govt. at five percent
per annum; if however
this cannot be arranged
for now he will keep
remitting to Yrs Rs 100
(Rupees one Hundred) every
year for the next 2 or 3
years in the hope that
by that time Yrs can
see your way towards
securing for him such
an Investment of the
said Capital in the Mysore Govt
As

As to the best way of arranging details in connection with the ~~forbone~~ mentioned purpose, he desires me to add, he entirely and safely depends upon your kindness and good offices. It is intended that the Prize, if possible, be kept open to be competed for by anybody in the Mysore State, irrespective of color, caste or creed so as to stimulate freedom of research

Thanking

15.7.07

To,

B. Rama Krishna Rao Esq
ASST Comr

~~D.O~~

With refee to Yours.
~~D.O~~ of the 4th ultimo,
stating that Mr Dhara
bey Murarji Goculdas
of Bombay has so kindly
offered a prize every
year for the best Essay
in connection with Sanskrit Literature
Hindu Philosophy or ~~other specified subjects~~
and that he will be
sending a sum of
Rs 100 annually for this purpose,
I have the pleasure to
inform you that
Mr Goculdas's offer
will ~~only~~ be very gladly
accepted and the needful
arranged in communi
cation with the

who ~~had~~ recently
to pay a visit to
Mysore

Committee of the
Maharaja's Sanskrit
College at Lupsane.

Your Kwan ~~Book~~ the annual prize
~~prizes are distributed~~. distribution of the
~~to the Sanskrit College~~ Sans Krit College
~~students in the presence~~ takes place in the
~~of H. H during the~~ presence of H. H
~~Dasara Darbar, and~~ H. during the Dasara
will be very convenient festivities
to ~~give~~ award Mrs Gaeulda's
prize too at the same
time, but as the exams
in the Sanskrit College
have been postponed
~~for~~ this year on account
of Plague and as there is also
now very little time to give
due publicity ~~to the~~ to
Mrs Gaeul da's ~~prize~~ prize,
his ~~2nd~~ prize may, I think
be awarded from the
next year.

Yours

Bangalore
15th Nov 1905

My Dear Sir

In the matter of
Hirachand in the shape
of a yearly Essay Prize
in connection with the
Sanskrit College Mysore
Mr Saith Dharamsey Muraraje
Gouldas of Bombay and
his brother Mr Saith
Nathan Muraraje
Gouldas write to say
that for the present the

and Price be sent to you
Whereupon would I be so kind
as to ~~Estelle~~ for ch.

I am
Yr very Sincerely
B Ramakrishniah

Rai Bahadur
A Sreenivasa Charlu Esqre
Mysore Secy
Govt of My Sore

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Rec'd 8th May 1901

My Dear Sir

I have received your Kind Demi Official Letter of the 4th Instant in the matter of the Muraya Gokuldas Essay Prize With reference to this and to the Correspondence ⊕ noted in the margin, I beg to state that it is now time for your Kindly Arranging for the issue of necessary detailed orders about the Selection of the Subject for the Essay, its publication and the correction of the answers when received &c.

2. In this Connection please permit me to lay before Gentlemen

⊕ (1) My letter to the Murayas Sees D/ 4th Apl. 1900
(2) Letter to me from the Murayas Sees D/ 15th September 1900
(3) My letter to the Murayas Secretary D/ 15th November 1900

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before you the following points
for favour of early Consideration

3. The Donors, Mr Late Dharamsey
Murarji Gokuldas and his
brother Mr Late Narotham
Murarji Gokuldas have
offered an annual Prize
of Rs 100 (Rupees one Hundred)
for the best Essay on any Subject
connected with Hindu Philosophy
Sanskrit Language or
Literature. This as soon
ascertained is their clear
intention, matters Social forming
no part of their object whatever
It is intended that the Prize
be left open for Competition
for by any body in the Mysore
State irrespective of Color Caste
or creed, so as to stimulate
freedom of research thought
and Expression The said
Gentlemen

16 Gentlemen are not particular
about the Language in which
the Essay may be required to
be written. This and all like
~~other~~ details connected with
the matter, they respectfully
leave to the kind decision
of the Mysore Government.
After some personal discussion
with me Mr Rai Bahadur
A. Sreenivasachar the when
he was Mysore Secretary,
thought of Calling for answers
in Canarese to the Subjects
to be prescribed for the Prize
Essay I do not know
whether he has left any
record of this in the Office
Among the reasons that
induced him to arrive
at this Conclusion may be
conveniently mentioned
the Stimulus the measure
was

17 was calculated ~~to afford~~ to
afford to a Study of this
Vernacular of our country
rendering it a Convenient
medium to bring Philosophical
and Literary thought within
the Easy reach of the Public
The facility thus created to
popularize Subjects of Oriental
interest might indeed go
far to supply a long felt
want In this View, he had
~~also~~ promised to arrange
for the Essay which wins the
Prize being duly printed by
under orders of Government and copies made
available by means of Sale
to the Public at a reasonable
price His assurance that
the Prize would be awarded
during the annual Prize
Distribution of the Sanskrit
College

College in Mysore which takes place in the presence of His Highness the Maha Raja during the Dasara Festivities is contained in his Letter to me dated 15th September 1900 Accordingly, this idea was to entrust the Committee of that College with the work of Correction of the Answer-Papers in regard to the Essay every Year and the Valuation thereof

4. As to the method of Selection of the Subject, Mr Rai Bahadur Sreenivasa Charlu was not quite decided If I may be kind enough to allowed to speak in this respect, I would respectfully venture to submit for the Dewans gracious and favorable Consideration that this is a very important matter on which

19 Which the Sentiments not only of Sandwich College and School Committees wherever they exist but also of individual Pundits Scholars and men earnestly interested in this behalf in the Province may be of real use, so far as they can be conveniently ascertained. In this view it would be well if the Government in the Mezrop Dept. itself would be pleased to arrange to call for any representations or suggestions which the Parties like those referred to might wish to make in regard to the subjects for the Essays every year, a date being prescribed before which such representations or suggestions should reach the Mezrop Secretariat where a

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a Selection of the Subject might conveniently be made and notified ordinarily about 8 or 10 months if not a full year beforehand as it might require time and particular labor for the research needed for useful Competition In the current Year, however, there being only abnt 3 1/2 months available, such Subject as the Ministry Secretariat would think Suitable might be Selected As an humble representation in this respect, a list of just a few Subjects is appended based on the Suggestions received from a few local gentlemen among whom I may mention particularly the name of Mr R Narasimha Char M. A. assistant to the Director

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Director of Archæology

The time now being short
Subjects about which something
might be expected with some
facility are alone noted in
the list. It would seem
very necessary to lay
down as a condition for
competition that the
answers should be
concise and clear and
be written in easy
popular Style, the matter
occupying not more than
twenty Octavo pages when
printed and, for purposes of
~~reference~~ ~~any~~ Verification
precise references to any
authorities quoted or relied
on being given. The Essay
will be expected to give
evidence

Evidence of some original research and independence of thought.

Yours very sincerely
B. Ramakrishna Rao

L. Ananthaswami Rao Esqre
Deputy Secretary
to Government
Revenue Department

2nd List of proposed Subjects

Hindu Philosophy (1) A popular Exposition of the Philosophy of the Bhagavadgitha

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(2) The Sankhya System

ಸಾಂಖ್ಯ ದರ್ಶನ

Sanskrit Literature (3) The Poet Kalidas

ಕವಿ ಕಾಳಿದಾಸ

or (A) Hindu Astronomy

ಭಾರತೀಯ ಜ್ಯೋತಿಷ್ಯ (ಖಗೋಳ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ)

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From

To

The President of the
Managing Committee of H. H.
Maharaja's Sanskrit College
Mysore

Dated 26

Despatched 10th June

Received

General No. Camp No
Muzrai F. No.

Enclosure No.

Has the honor
that Messrs Sait Dhu
Murarji Goculda
Narottam Murarji
of Bombay offer to
the award of an annu
the value of Rs100
present of the Sanskr
in Mysore and desire
the Prize should be an
for the best Kanarese Es
any subject connecte
Hindu Philosophy or
Language or Literature,

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y person in the Mysore

e irrespective of caste or

that the honour to

The undersigned is to

ot to be favored with any

Committee

ons that the President

ysore Sanskrit College

he would like to make

ect object

early reply is requested

By order,

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Dy Secretary,

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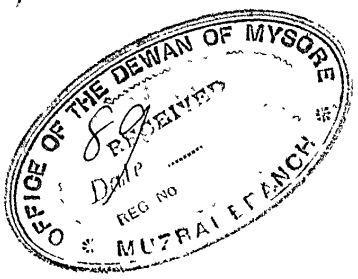

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From V. N. Narasimmayengar, Esq
President of the Managing Committee
of H.H. the Maharaja's Sanskrit College
Mysore.

To L. Anantasami Rao Esq. B.A
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
(Muzrai Department)
Bangalore

Dated
Despatched 29th July 1902.
Received

General No. 6
No.

Enclosure No.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. Camp 7 dated 20th June 1902, I have the honour to forward the following extract from the Proceedings of the Managing Committee of the Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysore, dated 8th July 1902, containing the suggestions invited in the above.

"II. Read the letter from the Deputy Secretary to Government No. Camp 7 dated 20th June 1902 stating that Messrs Seth Dharmsay Muraraji Gokuldoss and Seth Narottam Muraraji Gokuldoss of Bombay, offer to award an annual Prize of Rs 100/- for the encouragement of the Sanskrit Education in Mysore, to be awarded for the best Kannada essay on any subject connected with Hindu Philosophy or Sanskrit Language or Literature, to be competed for by any person in the Mysore State, irrespective of caste, colour or creed and inviting suggestions from the Committee on the subject.

"Resolution: The Committee beg to offer the following suggestions:

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Submitted for orders with previous papers

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(1) A board of examiners should be formed of Sanskrit Scholars acquainted with Kanarese who should prescribe the subject for essay each year and value the essays submitted by candidates.

(2) In prescribing subjects year after year, the board should see that the different branches of Sanskrit Literature are all represented in turn in a cycle of years. For this purpose, the Sanskrit Literature may be divided into the following branches which may be taken in turn year after year.

(1) Vedas and Smritis.

(2) Puranas, Itihasas and Kavyas.

(3) Rhetoric and Grammar

(4) Philosophy and Religion

(5) Vaidya, Jyotisha and other Specific Sciences.

(3). The length of the essay should also be limited to a minimum number of printed pages.

(4). As the essays are to be in Kanarese, they should be drawn up in a popular style, and should present all the leading aspects of the subject in the most popular form free from technicalities."

I have the honour to be,

sir,

your most obedient Servant

N. Madhava Rao

For President

27 D.O

8th Nov 1902

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Forwarded
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To

B. Rama Krishna Rao Esq.
Asst. Commr., Spl. duty, Delhi

Dear Mr. Rama Krishna Rao,

Referring to the correspondence ending with your D.O of the 7th May 1901, regarding the institution of an annual Prize in the name of Mr. Muraji Gokuldas for the best Essay in Kanarese on Sanskrit literature or Hindu Philosophy, I enclose for your information copy of a letter No. 6, dated 29th July last from the President of the Managing Committee of H.H. the Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysore, making certain suggestions as to the manner in which the object may be carried out. But before

taking any further Official
action in the matter, I think
it would be well if the
amount intended to be given
as a prize, at least for the
first year, were deposited with
the Govt. I say this because
you told me some time back,
in the course of conversation,
that the sum of Rs 100/- formerly
deposited with you by Mr.
Dharmsey Muraji Gokuldoss
on this account had been
utilized for some other purpose.

As regards the proposal
of Mr. Gokaldoss to deposit
a certain sum of money
with the Mysore Govt, so that
the interest therefrom may be
annually devoted to the

award of the prize in question, I would suggest that an application be made officially by the gentleman himself together with his proposals connected therewith, so that the matter may be conveniently sent up for orders. The matter will then receive immediate attention.

I remain,
Yours very sincerely

Murray

Notification

Messrs Sait Dharamsey Murarji Gokuldas and Sait Narottam Murarji Gokuldas of Bombay having offered to institute the award of an annual Prize of Rs 100/- for the encouragement of Sanskrit Education in Mysore, the Govt in accepting the said offer, do hereby publish for general information the foll.g rules for the award of the same:—

1) The Prize will be awarded for the best Essay on any subject connected with Hindu Philosophy a Sanskrit language & Literature to be duly notified in that behalf in the beginning of about the month of ~~Je~~ January.

2) The Prize will be open to Competition by any person in the Mysore State, irrespective of caste, color & creed

(3) The Essay shall be written in Kanarese and in the valuation thereof special attention will be paid to accuracy and elegance of expression.

4) The Essay shall not exceed in length a review article of 20 pages Octavo. For the purpose of verification, precise references shall be given to any authorities that may be quoted or relied on. No attention will be paid to any essay which does not give satisfactory evidence of original research and independent thought.

5) It shall reach the President of the Murarji Gokuldas Prize Committee not later than the 15th August, and no essay received subsequent to that date will be taken notice of.

By Order,

Dy Secretary

To

The Compiler, Mysore Gazetteer,
for Publication in Enq & Hon

Murarai

Read:—

Correspondence ending with D.O. dated 7th May 1901, from Mr. B. Rama Krishna Rao stating that Mr. Saith Dharamsey Murarji Gokuldas of Bombay and his brother Saith Narotham Murarji Gokuldas offer to institute an Essay Prize in the name of their father Murarji Gokuldas ~~of~~ for the encouragement of Sanskrit in the Mysore State Education and Hindu Philosophy and that for that purpose they would keep remitting a sum of Rs 100/- every year until facilities are afforded to them after H. H. the Maharaja assumes the Administration to make an endowment of Rs 2000/- for being invested in this behalf at 5 per cent. Government Security

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Order thereon.

The Government have